

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-18. (canceled).

19. (new): A server apparatus, comprising:

a main storage section that stores a plurality of pieces of music;

a sub-storage section that stores information regarding a number of plays of the pieces of music, in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of pieces of music; and

an interface outputting at least a portion of the plurality of pieces of music to a terminal capable of playing the plurality of pieces of music, the interface receiving updated information from the terminal;

wherein the information regarding the number of plays, stored in the sub-storage section, is updated in accordance with the received updated information.

20. (new): The server apparatus of claim 19, further comprising:

a display section that displays the information regarding a number of plays.

21. (new): The server apparatus of claim 20, wherein:

the display section displays information indicating at least a portion of the plurality of pieces of music in descending order of the number of plays of the pieces of music.

22. (new): A terminal apparatus, comprising:

a terminal-side main storage section that stores a plurality of pieces of music;

a terminal-side sub-storage section that stores information regarding a number of plays of the pieces of music in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of pieces of music;

a playback section capable of playing the plurality of pieces of music;

an update section that updates the information regarding a number of plays, in accordance with plays of the pieces of music by the playback section, and stores the updated information regarding a number of plays in the terminal-side sub-storage section; and

a terminal-side interface that sends said information regarding a number of plays to a server, the server including a sub-storage section capable of storing the information regarding a number of plays.

23. (new): The terminal apparatus of claim 22, further comprising:

a display section that displays the information regarding a number of plays.

24. (new): The terminal apparatus of claim 23, wherein:

the display section displays information indicating at least a portion of the plurality of pieces of music in descending order of the number of plays of the pieces of music.

25. (new): A system for playing pieces of music and updating information regarding the pieces of music, comprising:

a server apparatus as claimed in claim 1; and

a terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 2;

wherein the terminal apparatus is in communication with the server apparatus via at least one of a physical communication medium and a wireless communication medium; and

the information updated in the terminal apparatus is updated and stored in the server apparatus.

26. (new): A computer program product, stored on a physical computer-readable medium, for a method enabling a server to update a number of plays of pieces of music, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of pieces of music;

storing information regarding the number of plays of the pieces of music in one-to-one correspondence with the plurality of pieces of music;

outputting at least a portion of the plurality of pieces of music to a terminal apparatus capable of playing the plurality of pieces of music, the interface receiving updated information regarding the number of plays from the terminal apparatus; and

updating the information regarding the number of plays in accordance with the received updated information.

27. (new): The computer program product of claim 26, further comprising:
a display section that displays the information regarding a number of plays.

28. (new): The computer program product of claim 27, wherein:
the display section displays information indicating at least a portion of the plurality of
pieces of music in descending order of the number of plays of the pieces of music.